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1. The Ch'olsan* (124-40, 39-46) monazite mine is managed by KIM Tuk-hi, aged 32. The chief of the first workshop is KIM Song-dok, aged 31, who is in charge of 380 laborers. The second workshop employs 500 laborers and the third employs 720. There are 40 mineralogists and 50 clerks working for the mine.
2. Equipment consists of 45 generators, one assay machine, three Soviet-made gasoline trucks, and five charcoal-burning trucks. The laborers are housed in a dormitory and given four heps** of rice or millet a day. However, they receive no pay because they were conscripted under the compulsory labor program.
3. Each man must produce three kilograms of monazite each day, although men have produced as much as 15 kilograms. The monazite is packed in 50-kilogram boxes and sent to Ch'aryon'guan (124-42, 39-52) station for shipment by railroad to Sinuiju at night. Most of the monazite is transhipped to the USSR, where one 50-kilogram box is exchanged for two Soviet-made rifles and four RPG's.
4. As of early June 1951 there had been no air raids in the area and the mine was running on a 24-hour schedule.

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* Comment: For previous reports on the Ch'olsan mine, see [redacted] and referenced reports, and [redacted] 25X1A

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